REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-35 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 1, 15, 18 and 29. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are 14, 16 and 34-35. New claims added herein are none.

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0004] The Examiner graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on June 19, 2007. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0005] During the interview, I discussed how the claims differed from the cited art, namely Kaltenbach and Glukhovsky. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0006] The Examiner was receptive to hearing the proposals, but I understood the Examiner to indicate that the proposed clarifying claim amendments did not appear to distinguish over the cited art of record as further clarified during the interview (removing reference to Cooper). The Examiner further indicated that he would need to review the cited are more carefully and/or do another search, and requested that any new proposed amendments be presented in writing.

[0007] Applicant herein amends the claims in a manner that distinguishes over the cited art in light of the discussion held during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0008] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0009] Please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Claim Amendments and Additions

[0010] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 1, 15, 18 and 29 herein.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under § 112

[0011] Claims 8-10, 20, 21 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st ¶. In light of the amendments to the specification presented herein, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

Claim Rejections under §§ 102 and/or 103

[0012] Claims 1-35 are rejected under either 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or § 103. In light of the amendments presented herein and the decisions/agreements reached during the above-discussed Examiner interview, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0013] Claims 1, 2, 7 and 14-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,136,191 to Kaltenbach et al.

[0014] Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0215157 to Chao et al.

[0015] Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0281446 to Glukhovsky et al.

[0016] Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of Glukhovsky in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,920,842 to Cooper et al.

[0017] Claims 6, 11-13, 22, and 26-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0125413 to Cordery.

[0018] Claim 29 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of U.S. Publication 2004/0174433 to Uchino.

[0019] Claims 30 and 34-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of Uchino and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,853,778 to Tanaka.

[0020] Claim 31 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of in view of Uchino and Tanaka and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,635 to Matsugu.

[0021] Claim 32 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of Uchino and Tanaka in further view of Glukhovsky.

[0022] Claim 33 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaltenbach in view of Uchino and Tanaka in further view of Chao.

[0023] The combination of cited art references does no disclose that a calibration process to generate a calibration correlation value to compensate for an error introduced by a scanning process implemented to produce the scanned image. The combination of cited art especially does not disclose then subtracting that value from the correlation value and comparing the resultant to a threshold. As such, the cited art does not teach or suggest the independent claims.

[0024] The Examiner relies upon Kaltenbach to teach generally an adjustment of the digital process by citing Fig. 3, reference numbers 216 and 219. This is not a calibration module. Rather Kaultenbach a defect detection mechanism. If the data exceeds some predetermined threshold that indicates a defect, it is indicative of a problem. If the threshold is exceeded, then the image is reprinted or reprocessed. The system of Kaltenbach does not use this information to calibrate the equipment. As such, Kaltenbach does not anticipate each of the independent claims, as each independent claim has been amended to include the above discussed element. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each of the independent claims.

Dependent Claims

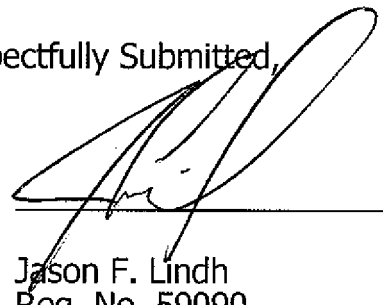
[0025] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

[0026] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action**. Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

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